

**AYILUR L. S. SCHOOL—STANDARD II—POSTING OF
A TEACHER**

230. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (Nemmara): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether it is a fact that standard II in the Ayilur Lower Secondary School had two divisions from the reopening of the school in Edavam 1114;
- (b) if so, what is the strength of the class, two divisions together;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there was only one teacher in charge of both these divisions from the reopening date till about the beginning of Chingam 1115;
- (d) if so, what was the reason for not providing two teachers for the two divisions for such a long time?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) 68.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) On account of the relief of officiating hands on the closing date in Meenam the school was deficient of 2 hands at the reopening in Edavam. Such vacancies are usually filled after the admission period is over after deciding on the number of divisions that will have to be closed. Two teachers were, therefore, posted to these vacancies in Mithunam. One of them went on leave as soon as he joined duty and took leave for short periods till Chingam when he was transferred from there. So no substitute could be appointed for him. The other teacher posted could join duty in Ayilur only after availing himself of 15 days' leave, i.e., by the end of Mithunam. One teacher from L. S. School, Ayilur, had requested for a transfer to High School, Nemmara. He was transferred to Nemmara by the beginning of Karkadakam and the vacancy was reported to Government to be filled in L. S. School, Ayilur. The substitute joined duty by about the 20th of Karkadakam.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (Nemmara): Do the Government concede that a class of 68 students cannot be efficiently managed by one teacher?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is the Government aware that the fact that there was no teacher for the two divisions for such a long period as nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ months is rather hard?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have also at the same time tried to explain the reason why this happened. This is a very singular case and such cases are very rare.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is it a school where boys pay fees?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Quite so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Generally such things happen in other schools also. In the Kunnamkulam Girls' High School there were 4 classes vacant for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ months.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The addition of Kunnamkulam to Aiyur does not make it any the less rare.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): It is quite unsatisfactory that such a state of affairs should continue for a period of $2\frac{1}{2}$ months.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I would like to make a statement to obviate the misunderstanding. Formerly the admission time used to be one week. Complaints used to come from the guardians and the public that if the admission period is not extended, students will be put to considerable difficulty as some of them have to come from other schools and some from British schools. So, the admission period was extended to three weeks. We have to decide on the number of classes to be newly opened and old classes to be suppressed. This is possible only after the admission period is over. We receive the reports, as soon as the admission is over, and it takes us to the end or middle of Mithunam. These various reports are consolidated and immediately reports are sent to the Staff Selection Board to fill up the various posts. The only solution to solve this difficulty is that either we should cut short the admission period or we will have to keep supernumerary hands. I can assure on behalf of the Government that every possible precaution will be taken to see that the difficulty is minimised.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): What is the duration of the period of admission?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Normally it is three weeks; but sometimes it is extended.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): So far as Aiyulur is concerned it was the second standard. Do the Government consider that students from British parts are coming in?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): We have not got separate admission periods for different classes. It is obviously impossible to send a list of the second class alone. We allow three weeks normally to all schools to close their admissions. Sometimes requests are made that the period may be extended to 4 weeks, in order to suit the convenience of the guardians. It is a question of balancing one difficulty with another.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Even allowing three weeks, is not a period of two and a half months too long?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): In this particular instance I have tried to explain. A teacher who was posted applied for leave with medical certificate. A substitute cannot be appointed immediately as the vacancy has to be reported to the Staff Selection Board and they have to meet. It is not possible to shift the vacancy from one school to another for in that case the school affected will not be Aiyulur, but Kunnamkulam.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is it due to the delay caused by the Staff Selection Board?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is a process to be gone through and this takes time. It is normal.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): It is rather hard that pupils should be without teachers for two and a half months.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Between the last day of admission and the selection by the Staff Selection Board, how many days will elapse?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Staff Selection Board meets as soon as we send our reports. In order to gauge the requirements we should get a consolidated list. Otherwise, I have to write every week that such and such a school has got a vacancy, then another school has got another vacancy and so on.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): In this particular case, after the report went to the Staff Selection Board when did they select teachers for this vacancy?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is no such report in respect of this particular school. All the vacancies are reported at the end of the admission period.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): How many days will they take?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is done as expeditiously as possible in a week or ten days.

KATTUR-KAKKATHURUTHI ROAD—CONSTRUCTION OF

231. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any step has been taken in the construction of the Kattur-Kakkathuruthi Road;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state when steps will be actually taken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(a) and (b) The provision for this road in the Road Board Programme is proposed to be spent towards the acquisition of sites. Action is being taken in this direction.

KODAKARA-VELLIKKULANGARA ROAD—CONSTRUCTION OF

232. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made to the Kodakara-Vellikkulangara Road included in the Road Board Programme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Lands have to be acquired for opening the road and the acquisition proceedings are in progress.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Do the Government realise that a lot of difficulty is felt by the people for want of this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The work is expected to be completed in 1116.

TREASURIES—BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., PRESENTED AT THE END OF 1114

233. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of bills, cheques, chalans, etc., presented in each of the Taluk offices of the State during the